GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROPERTY TAX AGAINST PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge amount of property tax is pending against some public schools in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, school-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the MCD to recover the dues from these schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): The requisite information is given below:

(i) Municipal Corporation of Delhi Arrears amounting to Rs. 26,58,18,263/- are due from various public schools, located under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, under the old system of property tax assessment up to 31.03.2004. The above arrears are subject to adjustment of disputed payment, if any. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has switched over to the new system of assessment of property tax i.e. Unit Area System with effect from 1.4.2004. Under this system, tax-payers have themselves to calculate their property tax and file self-assessment returns and pay property tax accordingly. The amount of arrears for the period from 1.4.2004 onwards will be known after scrutiny of the self-assessment returns is completed. School-wise details of arrears are given at Annexure-I.

(ii) New Delhi Municipal Council Arrears amounting to Rs. 1,15,18,719/- are due till 27th July, 2006 from various public schools located in the area of New Delhi Municipal Council. School-wise details of arrears are given at Annexure-II.

(iii) Delhi Cantonment Board Delhi Cantonment Board has proposed to introduce property tax in three public schools located in its jurisdiction. The matter is under process by the Assessment Committee.

(c): The action taken by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to recover the dues from the Public Schools include issuance of demand notices and show cause notices and attachment of bank accounts, rent and property.